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Transmitted herewith for filing is the above-identified patent application which, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.51, comprises:

- [X] Abstract and Specification including 172 Claims
- [] An Assignment of the application and a Declaration and Power of Attorney
- [X] An Assignment of the application and a Declaration and Power of Attorney to follow under separate cover
- [] Sheets of formal/informal drawings
- [X] Post Card
- [] Prior Art Statement (37 CFR 1.97)
- [] Preliminary Amendment
- [X] A triplicate copy of this transmittal paper is enclosed.
- [X] The present application claims priority under Title 35, United States Code §119 and §120 from United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/574,207, filed May 18, 2000, and United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/134,957, filed May 19, 1999.
- [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: -- This is a continuation-in-part of application Serial 09/574,207, filed May 18, 2000, which claims priority from United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/134,957, filed May 19, 1999.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any fees* in addition to the above as well as all future fees set forth in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this Application, and credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 19-1025.

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